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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 3495.0320-00 (formerly 05394.0011)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Stewart COLE et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 09/673,476	)	Examiner: Jehanne S. Sitton
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Filed: November 30, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 5289
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For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A	)	Mail Stop AF
POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF	)	
INTEREST FROM THE GENOME	)	
OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING	)	
A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY,	)	
APPLICATION OF THE	)	
DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

☒ **Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is included in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include Application Data Sheet.

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*- See Examiner's Amendment dated March '06*